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THE FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB OF VICTORIA.

THE monthly meeting of the Club was held at the Royal Society's Hall, on Monday evening, 13th April, 1885.

The president, Rev. J. J. Halley, occupied the chair, and about forty-five members and visitors were present.

The hon. librarian reported the receipt of the following additions to the Club's library:—"Science Record," No. 3; "Report of Ballarat School of Mines," 1883; "Proceedings of Ornithological Society of Vienna;" "Supplement to Victorian Oology," Part 1, by A. J. Campbell.

The hon. sec. read the report of the sub-committee appointed to re-consider the list of Victorian birds proposed to be protected. It recommended that the following birds be struck out of the proposed list:—Hawks, bee-eaters, crow shrikes (except magpie, at present protected), finches, bower-birds, orioles, wattle-birds, leather-heads, and parrots (except swamp or ground parrakeet.) On the motion of Mr. Gregory, the consideration of the report was postponed till next meeting, pending replies from other societies, &c.

The hon. sec. read a short account of the excursion to Gipsy Village, Brighton, held on the previous Saturday, which had been well attended, and the members present were fairly successful in their finds. The rare orchids, *Eriochilus fimbriatus* and *Pterostylis apyhlta*, being obtained in bloom.

The following ladies and gentlemen were elected members of the Club:—Mrs. Beal, Mrs. C. W. Simson, Miss E. C. Simson, Messrs A. Campbell, J. P. Chirnside, R. A. Poole, and J. Russell, and Masters S. and D. Coghill, as junior members. Thirteen nominations were received for next meeting.

Messrs A. J. Campbell and J. E. Prince were elected to audit the accounts of the Club previous to the annual meeting.

Nominations for office-bearers for the year 1885-6 were then received, in each case the retiring office-bearers being the only persons nominated, except for hon. treasurer, for which Mr. Bage was nominated instead of Mr. Matthias. Three ladies and eight gentlemen were proposed as members of committee, being, Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. J. Simson, Miss Campbell, and Messrs Best, Gatliff, Hill, Le Soüef, Prince, Topp, Watts, and Wisewould. Mr. Best gave notice that he would move at the annual meeting that the number of members of committee be increased from five to eight.

Mr. J. E. Prince, on behalf of Messrs Field and Son, of Birmingham, presented the Club with a valuable microscope for the use of the members, for which a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to him.

The hon. sec. announced that at the annual conversazione to take place on the 29th inst, lecturettes would be delivered by the Rev. A. W. Cresswell, M. A., on "The Extinct Animals of Australia;" and by himself on "Forms and Metamorphoses of Insects."

Papers read:—By Messrs Gregory and Lucas "Notes of an overland trip to Wilson's Promontory," Part I. Mr. Gregory read the descriptive part and Mr. Lucas the Natural History notes of the journey between the Trafalgar Railway Station and Mr. Mille's station at Yanakie, about two thirds of the distance travelled

The following were the principal exhibits of the evening:—By Mr. G. Coghill, five orchids in bloom, obtained on excursion to Gipsy Village, viz., *Eriochilus autumnalis*, *E. fimbriatus*, *Pterostylis aphylla*, *P. nana*, and *Prasophyllum Archeri*; by Mr. C. French, 260 species of Australian Coleoptera, family Buprestidæ, also orchids in bloom *Eriochilus fimbriatus* and *Pterostylis aphylla*; by Master C. French, carved gourd, from New Guinea; by Mr. G. R. Hill and Masters Hill, Victorian lepidoptera; by Mr. D. Le Soüef, living slow-worm; by Mr. T. A. Forbes-Leith, five British Birds, Rook, Common Gull, Black-headed Gull, Curlew, and Oystercatchers, also pair of Opossum mice; and by Mr. F. Reader, plants from Studley Park, (orders *Apocynæ*, *Solanacæ*).

After the usual *conversazione* the meeting terminated.

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ANNUAL CONVERSAZIONE.

THE Fifth Annual Conversazione of the Club was held at the Royal Society's Hall on Wednesday evening, 29th April, 1885,